

medial and lateral side cable members on the boot, wherein said medial and lateral side cable members attach to a front portion of the boot at only one general position thereon.

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68. (Twice Amended) A boot according to Claim 65, wherein said portion comprises first and second locations that are substantially adjacent each other.

69. (Twice Amended) A boot according to Claim 65, wherein said portion comprises a substantially single position.

97. (New) A boot, comprising:

a forward lean system having a single general area on the boot that attaches to medial and lateral cable portions coming from respective rear upper opposite sides of the boot, said single general area located at a lower front location on the boot.

98. (New) The boot of Claim 97, wherein the single general area is located at either the lateral or medial side of the boot.

99. (New) A snowboard boot, comprising:

a forward lean system, comprising:

a first guide located on a side of the boot on an upper, rear portion of the boot;

a second guide located on the same side as the first guide on a lower, front portion of the boot;

a third guide located on the side opposite of the first guide on an upper, rear portion of the boot;

a first cable portion extending from the first guide to the second guide; and

a second cable portion extending from the second guide unrestrained to the third guide.

100. (New) A step-in snowboard boot, comprising:

a forward lean system, comprising:

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a first guide located on a side of the boot on an upper, rear portion of the boot;
a second guide located on the same side as the first guide on a lower, front portion of the boot;
a third guide located on the side opposite of the first guide on an upper, rear portion of the boot; and
a cable portion that extends unrestrained from the first guide to the second guide and extends unrestrained from the second guide to the third guide.

101. (New) A step-in snowboard boot, comprising:

a forward lean system, comprising:
a tension adjustment member at the rear of the boot;
a first guide located on a side of the boot on an upper, rear portion of the boot;
a second guide located on the same side as the first guide on a lower, front portion of the boot;
a third guide located on the side opposite of the first guide on an upper, rear portion of the boot; and
a cable portion that extends from the tension adjustment member to the first guide, the cable extends unrestrained from the first guide to the second guide, and extends unrestrained across the front of the boot unrestrained from the second guide to the third guide, the cable portion extends from the third guide to the tension adjustment member.

102. (New) A boot, comprising:

an upper rear ankle portion;
a lower front foot portion; and
a forward lean system, comprising:

cables from either side of the upper, rear ankle portion attached to the lower front foot portion, said cables for applying a forward leaning force to the boot upper ankle portion from only a single general position.

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